

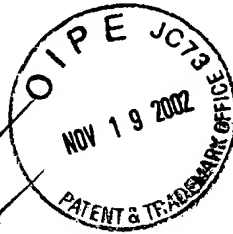
RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR 1.116
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Navy Case No. 82,222

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Usman A.K. Sorathia
Serial No. 09/822,308
Filed: March 29, 2001



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: Group Art Unit: 1712
: Examiner: Michael J. Feely

For: FIREPROOF PROTECTION INTEGRATING: Confirmation No. 7684
FABRICATION SYSTEM FOR COMPOSITE
STRUCTURES

THIRD AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In view of the current Examiner's Advisory Action dated Nov. 8, 2002 (Paper No. 13), the following amendments as suggested by the Examiner are proposed under 37 U.S.C. 1.116, as a replacement for all previously proposed amendments.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 2, 9, 12, 13 and 16 as follows:

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2. A process of forming a composite structure by applying a barrier to an underlying substrate during fabrication of the composite structure, including the steps of: introducing a fire resisting agent to the barrier after formation of the barrier; and attaching the barrier to the substrate before completing the fabrication of the composite structure; said step of introducing the fire resisting agent comprising: in-situ infusion of the agent into the barrier during said fabrication of the composite structure.